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**STATEMENT BY GOV. EASLEY ON APRIL JOBS NUMBERS**

"The statistics showing that our unemployment rate continues to be below the national average and that we have gained over 40,000 net new jobs during the past 12 months is welcome news. Our investments in our workforce and in programs to increase jobs for hard-working families are paying off.

"We cannot grow complacent as we continue to lose textile, apparel and furniture jobs at an unacceptable rate due to Washington's failed trade policies. We need to act quickly to replenish our resources to bring jobs to North Carolina."

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